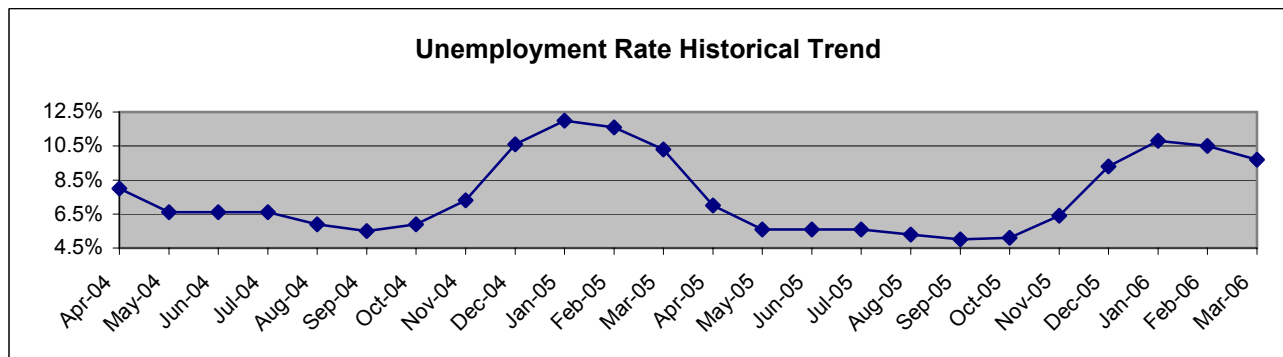


IMMEDIATE RELEASE
 SALINAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (MSA)
 (Monterey County)

The unemployment rate in Monterey County was 9.7 percent in March 2006, down from 10.5 percent in February 2006, and below the year-ago estimate of 10.3 percent. This compares with an unadjusted unemployment rate of 5.0 percent for California and 4.8 percent for the nation during the same period.



Industry	Feb-2006	Mar-2006	Change		Mar-2005	Mar-2006	Change
Total Jobs	153,400	158,100	4,700		157,000	158,100	1,100
Farm Jobs	26,000	30,600	4,600		31,600	30,600	(1,000)
Nonfarm Jobs	127,400	127,500	100		125,400	127,500	2,100
Natural Resources and Mining	200	200	0		200	200	0
Construction	6,700	6,700	0		6,600	6,700	100
Manufacturing	6,600	6,700	100		6,700	6,700	0
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	25,200	25,100	(100)		24,000	25,100	1,100
Information	2,300	2,300	0		2,400	2,300	(100)
Financial Activities	6,100	6,100	0		6,100	6,100	0
Professional and Business Services	11,900	12,000	100		12,400	12,000	(400)
Educational and Health Services	12,300	12,300	0		12,200	12,300	100
Leisure and Hospitality	20,900	20,500	(400)		19,900	20,500	600
Other Services	4,800	4,800	0		4,700	4,800	100
Government	30,400	30,800	400		30,200	30,800	600

Notes: Data not adjusted for seasonality. Data may not add due to rounding
 Labor Force data are not revised month to month
 Additional data are available on-line at www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov

Salinas MSA
Monterey County
Industry Employment & Labor Force
March 2005 Benchmark

Data Not Adjusted for Seasonality

	Mar 05	Jan 06	Feb 06	Mar 06	Percent Change	
					Month	Year
Civilian Labor Force (1)	203,400	194,300	198,100	200,500	1.2%	-1.4%
Civilian Employment	182,500	173,400	177,400	181,000	2.0%	-0.8%
Civilian Unemployment	20,900	20,900	20,800	19,500	-6.3%	-6.7%
Civilian Unemployment Rate	10.3%	10.8%	10.5%	9.7%		
(CA Unemployment Rate)	5.8%	5.3%	5.4%	5.0%		
(U.S. Unemployment Rate)	5.4%	5.1%	5.1%	4.8%		
Total, All Industries (2)	157,000	148,800	153,400	158,100	3.1%	0.7%
Total Farm	31,600	22,800	26,000	30,600	17.7%	-3.2%
Total Nonfarm	125,400	126,000	127,400	127,500	0.1%	1.7%
Total Private	95,200	96,000	97,000	96,700	-0.3%	1.6%
Goods Producing	13,500	13,500	13,500	13,600	0.7%	0.7%
Natural Resources and Mining	200	200	200	200	0.0%	0.0%
Construction	6,600	6,700	6,700	6,700	0.0%	1.5%
Manufacturing	6,700	6,600	6,600	6,700	1.5%	0.0%
Durable Goods	1,700	1,700	1,600	1,700	6.3%	0.0%
Nondurable Goods	5,000	4,900	5,000	5,000	0.0%	0.0%
Food Manufacturing	3,300	3,300	3,300	3,300	0.0%	0.0%
Residual-Beverage and Tobacco Product Mfg	1,700	1,600	1,700	1,700	0.0%	0.0%
Service Providing	111,900	112,500	113,900	113,900	0.0%	1.8%
Private Service Producing	81,700	82,500	83,500	83,100	-0.5%	1.7%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	24,000	25,300	25,200	25,100	-0.4%	4.6%
Wholesale Trade	4,400	5,200	5,300	5,200	-1.9%	18.2%
Retail Trade	16,400	16,400	16,200	16,200	0.0%	-1.2%
Food and Beverage Stores	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	0.0%	0.0%
Residual-Miscellaneous Store Retailers	12,900	12,900	12,700	12,700	0.0%	-1.6%
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities	3,200	3,700	3,700	3,700	0.0%	15.6%
Information	2,400	2,300	2,300	2,300	0.0%	-4.2%
Financial Activities	6,100	6,000	6,100	6,100	0.0%	0.0%
Professional and Business Services	12,400	11,900	11,900	12,000	0.8%	-3.2%
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	5,100	5,000	5,100	5,000	-2.0%	-2.0%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	1,900	1,800	1,700	1,800	5.9%	-5.3%
Administrative and Support and Waste Services	5,400	5,100	5,100	5,200	2.0%	-3.7%
Educational and Health Services	12,200	12,200	12,300	12,300	0.0%	0.8%
Educational Services	1,800	1,700	1,800	1,800	0.0%	0.0%
Health Care and Social Assistance	10,400	10,500	10,500	10,500	0.0%	1.0%
Leisure and Hospitality	19,900	20,100	20,900	20,500	-1.9%	3.0%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	2,200	2,400	2,400	2,400	0.0%	9.1%
Accommodation and Food Service	17,700	17,700	18,500	18,100	-2.2%	2.3%
Accommodation	7,000	6,900	7,600	7,100	-6.6%	1.4%
Food Services and Drinking Places	10,700	10,800	10,900	11,000	0.9%	2.8%
Other Services	4,700	4,700	4,800	4,800	0.0%	2.1%
Government	30,200	30,000	30,400	30,800	1.3%	2.0%
Federal Government	4,700	4,900	4,900	4,900	0.0%	4.3%
Other Federal Government	1,700	1,800	1,800	1,800	0.0%	5.9%
Department of Defense	3,000	3,100	3,100	3,100	0.0%	3.3%
State and Local Government	25,500	25,100	25,500	25,900	1.6%	1.6%
State Government	4,600	4,700	4,600	4,800	4.3%	4.3%
State Government Education	1,000	900	900	1,000	11.1%	0.0%
Other State Government	3,600	3,800	3,700	3,800	2.7%	5.6%
Local Government	20,900	20,400	20,900	21,100	1.0%	1.0%
Local Government Education	11,300	10,600	11,100	11,200	0.9%	-0.9%
County	4,300	4,500	4,500	4,500	0.0%	4.7%
City	2,200	2,100	2,100	2,200	4.8%	0.0%
Other Local Government	3,100	3,200	3,200	3,200	0.0%	3.2%

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	Mar 05	Jan 06	Feb 06	Mar 06	Percent Change Month Year
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Note 1: Civilian labor force data are by place of residence; include self-employed individuals, unpaid family workers, household domestic workers, & workers on strike.

Note 2: Industry employment is by place of work; excludes self-employed individuals, unpaid family workers, household domestic workers, & workers on strike.

Effective with the release of the February data on March 24, 2006,
we will no longer release revised monthly labor force data for the previous month.
Labor force data for all geographic areas will not be revised until the annual benchmark process.

These data are produced by the Labor Market Information Division of the California
State Employment Development Department (EDD). Questions should be directed to:
Eric Alexander-831/464-4370 or Janice Shriver (408/558-0689)

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at <http://www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov>. If you need assistance, please call (916) 262-2162.

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